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Idaho Milk Production Up 5.2 Percent

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Idaho milk production during July 2010 totaled 1.12 billion pounds, a 5.2 percent increase from the same month last year and up 4.0 percent from June 2010. June 2010 milk production was revised to 1.07 billion pounds, up 5 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in July 2010 was 1,970 pounds, up 40 pounds from July 2009. The average number of milk cows during July was 567,000 head, up 17,000 from July 2009 and up 5,000 from June 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 15.3 billion pounds, up 3.0 percent from July 2009. June revised production at 15.2 billion pounds, was up 2.9 percent from June 2009. The June revision represented an increase of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,830 pounds for July, 59 pounds above July 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 26,000 head less than July 2009, but 19,000 head more than June 2010.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	171	179	1,800	1,870	308	335	8.8
California	1,790	1,749	1,815	1,945	3,249	3,402	4.7
Colorado	124	119	1,970	2,050	244	244	--
Florida	115	115	1,450	1,500	167	173	3.6
Idaho	550	567	1,930	1,970	1,062	1,117	5.2
Illinois	102	101	1,580	1,575	161	159	-1.2
Indiana	168	169	1,725	1,750	290	296	2.1
Iowa	215	211	1,740	1,785	374	377	0.8
Kansas	117	119	1,735	1,750	203	208	2.5
Michigan	356	359	1,945	1,980	692	711	2.7
Minnesota	469	470	1,670	1,690	783	794	1.4
Missouri	108	100	1,195	1,190	129	119	-7.8
New Mexico	321	324	2,050	2,095	658	679	3.2
New York	621	611	1,735	1,800	1,077	1,100	2.1
Ohio	278	270	1,630	1,690	453	456	0.7
Oregon	114	120	1,695	1,745	193	209	8.3
Pennsylvania	545	541	1,640	1,680	894	909	1.7
Texas	423	415	1,700	1,775	719	737	2.5
Utah	83	85	1,840	1,850	153	157	2.6
Vermont	135	137	1,570	1,540	212	211	-0.5
Virginia	96	95	1,510	1,515	145	144	-0.7
Washington	239	252	2,015	2,030	482	512	6.2
Wisconsin	1,257	1,263	1,765	1,795	2,219	2,267	2.2
23 State Total	8,397	8,371	1,771	1,830	14,867	15,316	3.0

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho July Red Meat Production Down 16 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2010 totaled 17.0 million pounds, down 16 percent from July of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2010 period totaled 117.5 million pounds, down 13 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.96 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 4.12 billion pounds produced in July 2009. Beef production, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, down 1 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was down 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.9 million pounds, 1 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 75,100 head, down 6 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from last year, at 251 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.70 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.47 million head, down 7 percent from July 2009. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 269 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 12.8 million pounds, was down 8 percent from July 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 197,400 head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 4 pounds from July a year ago. January to July 2010 commercial red meat production was 27.8 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	July 2009	June 2010	July 2010	July 2010 as percent of 2009 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	144.7	149.5	144.1	100
Colorado	178.8	189.6	178.3	100
Idaho	20.2	17.3	17.0	84
Illinois	223.0	220.7	208.1	93
Iowa	566.4	530.4	496.3	88
Kansas	476.4	483.9	465.6	98
Minnesota	215.3	228.6	216.8	101
Montana	1.3	1.7	1.3	99
Nebraska	624.4	620.5	600.4	96
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	72
Oklahoma	93.8	97.0	90.3	96
Oregon	4.8	5.2	4.4	90
South Dakota	59.1	82.9	72.9	123
Texas	442.1	455.1	434.5	98
Utah	35.1	39.2	38.3	109
Washington	73.9	76.3	73.8	100
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	0.5	91
United States	4,124.5	4,177.0	3,956.4	96

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 5 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2010 totaled 185,000 head, down 5 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is down 15,000 head from July 1, 2010. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 31,000 head, down 2,000 head from July 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during July totaled 45,000 head, up 8,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during July.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.9 million head on August 1, 2010. The inventory was 2 percent above August 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.75 million, 6 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 305,000, 700-799 pounds were 449,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 585,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.90 million, 2 percent below 2009. This is the lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 48,000 during July, 12 percent above 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	August 1, 2009	July 1, 2010	August 1, 2010		
			Number	As % of 2009	As % of July
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	275	255	248	90	97
California	450	430	435	97	101
Colorado	850	920	890	105	97
Idaho	195	200	185	95	93
Iowa	510	570	560	110	98
Kansas	1,920	2,010	2,040	106	101
Nebraska	1,920	2,000	1,960	102	98
Oklahoma	310	350	335	108	96
South Dakota	190	215	200	105	93
Texas	2,510	2,590	2,520	100	97
Washington	138	167	161	117	96
Other States	369	363	339	92	93
United States	9,637	10,070	9,873	102	98

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on July 31, 2010, totaled 821 million pounds, a 9 percent decrease from June 30, 2010, and down 16 percent from July 31, 2009. Other frozen potatoes, at 225 million pounds, decreased 7 percent from June stocks but were up 5 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on July 31, 2010, totaled 200 million pounds, up 1 percent from the end of the previous month, but down 24 percent from July 31, 2009. Stocks of American cheese totaled 639 million pounds, up 2 percent from June 30, 2010, and up 6 percent from last year.

Commodity	July 31, 2009	June 30, 2010	July 31, 2010	2010 2009
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	973,797	899,847	820,767	84
Other Frozen	213,733	242,099	225,065	105
TOTAL	1,187,530	1,141,946	1,045,832	88
DAIRY				
Butter	262,782	197,601	199,634	76
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	605,022	627,003	638,584	106

July Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 27,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 2010. Hired workers worked an average of 42.3 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.32 per hour.

There were 1,244,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 11-17, 2010, down 1 percent from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.82 per hour during the July 2010 reference week, up 16 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.12 per hour, up 8 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.19 per hour compared with \$10.05 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.14 per hour, was up 10 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 for hired workers during the survey week, up 3 percent from a year ago.

